(c) what steps are being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) No, sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Financial Assistance to check Land Erosion

2756. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to check land erosion in the border district of West Bengal ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide financial assistance to State Government to check this erosion as the country is losing its lands and on the other hand the Bangladesh is gaining ;

(d) is so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The Government of West Bengal have been executing protection works at vulnerable reaches to restrict bank erosion, including in the border districts.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Such works are financed from State sector plan outlays.

Central aid to West Bengal

2757. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the per capita Central aid to West Bengal in the Eighth Five Year Plan which was quite low in earlier plans ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) and (b) The allocation of Central assistance is presently determined on the basis of the principles embodied in the modified Gadgil formula. At present there is no indication of either the total qunatum of Central assistance or the criteria for its allocation to various States for the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Import of semi/completely knocked down sets

2758. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the total value of semi-knocked down and completely knocked-down sets of entertainment electronics imported from Japan and Germany since 1980 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : Import of Semi-knocked down/Completely knocked down kits for consumer electronics products is banned. However under onetime ad hoc arrangements for ASIAD'82, import of 90,000 Colour Television kits